

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve

May 2017 revised May 4



PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON THE DAYS SHOWN. See other side for program descriptions and special events.
HOLIDAY ALERT: ALL park sites EXCEPT Chalmette Battlefield/Chalmette National Cemetery closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.
For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
national cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am CB On May 28, tour offered at 1:30pm only wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB	Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB Cajun music jam 5:00-6:15pm WACC (no jam May 29)	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm WACC (no Cercle May 16)	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon PACC national cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am CB Saturday tour not offered in May wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:00pm PACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB folklife demonstrations noon-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC

Site Locations & Days/Times of Operation

ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-noon. Free admission.

BP – Barataria Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. Visitor center open Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots open for trail access every day 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission.

CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Open daily 9:00am-4:00pm. Free admission.

FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-3882 ext. 221. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Free admission.

PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Free admission.

WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm and Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. Free admission.

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Program Descriptions

Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am and 2:45pm Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans at the place where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. **CB**

Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am Ranger-guided cruise (weather permitting) along Bayou Lafourche to Madewood Plantation (Monday and Friday) or E.D. White Plantation Home and Museum (Wednesday). Call for required reservations and ticket prices. Through Wednesday, May 31. **WACC**

Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am Cruise Bayou Vermilion with a ranger in a traditional Louisiana boat (weather permitting). Departs from Vermilionville Heritage & Folklife Park, right next to the Acadian Cultural Center. Call Vermilionville at 337-233-4077 ext. 199 for required reservations and ticket prices. Through Friday, May 26. **ACC**

Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:00pm Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

Cajun music jam 5:00-6:15pm Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! No jam on Monday, May 29; center closed for Memorial Day. Free. **WACC**

Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. No *Cercle* on May 16. Free. **WACC**

Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

Folklife demonstrations noon-6:00pm Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, cooking, and more. Quilting demonstration noon-3:00pm. Cajun music and dancing begins at 2:45pm. Cooking demonstration begins at 4:00pm. Free. **PACC**

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. Free. **WACC**

National cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am May 7, 14, 21. On May 28, tour offered at 1:30pm only. Walk Chalmette National Cemetery to discover its history and hear the stories of some of the thousands buried there, including Buffalo Soldiers. Meet at front porch of the old cemetery superintendent's lodge (two-story brick building just inside cemetery gate). Free. **CB**

Ranger talk 2:45pm Rangers share local history and culture. Free. **ACC**

Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm –Live Cajun and zydeco music at the historic Liberty Theater next door to center. Ticket information and band listings at www.eunice-la.com or 337-457-7389. **PACC**

Riverfront history stroll 9:30am Walk along the Mississippi River levee for a bird's eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. Free. **FQ**

Wetlands walk 10:00am Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Free. **BP**

Special Events

Exhibit “Louisiana – As We See It” see Days/Times of Operation – WACC The Terrebonne Fine Arts Guild Group Show shares the work of local artists. Through Friday, June 30. Reception 5:00-7:00pm Monday, May 8. Free.

Exhibit Buffalo Soldiers 9:00am-4:00pm daily – CB Traveling exhibit from Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument (Ohio) tells story of African American soldiers of 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. Through Wednesday, May 31. Free.

Dulcimer jam –Saturday, May 13 9:30-11:00am – ACC Join the Cajun Dulcimer Society and its core group, the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society from Baton Rouge for dulcimer music: Cajun, country, Celtic, folk, and hymns. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or just enjoy. Free.

Film screening: Zachary Richard, Cajun Heart – Follow world-renowned Louisiana Cajun singer, songwriter, and cultural activist Zachary Richard on a quest to explore his roots and discover the nature of Acadian/Cajun identity in the 21st century. The award-winning documentary was directed by Canadian Phil Comeau; screening will be followed by discussion. Film is in French with English subtitles. Sponsored by CODOFIL, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. Free.

- 5:00-7:00pm Tuesday, May 9, at PACC
- 5:00-7:00pm Tuesday, May 16, at WACC
- 5:00-7:00pm Tuesday, May 23, at ACC

Wetlands Art Tour 2017 – Tuesday, May 9, - Saturday, May 13 9:00am-4:30pm - FQ Photography exhibit “Losing Ground” shares the work of artist Cate Colvin Sampson as part of a city-wide art event designed to bring awareness to Louisiana coastal land loss. On **Saturday, May 13, 2:00-3:00pm**, join a ranger to discuss the consequences of human attempts to control Louisiana's environment. Free.

Crescent City Culinaire Series Folklife Foodways Tour – Thursday, May 18 1:00-3:00pm – FQ Discover local culinary traditions on a ranger-led walk in the French Quarter (the tour serves up plenty of history but no food). Free but space limited so reservations required; sign up at the French Quarter Visitor Center or by calling 504-589-3882 ext. 227.

Memorial Day at Chalmette National Cemetery – CB

- **Volunteers are needed** to place and remove American flags at all 14,000+ headstones. Flags are placed beginning at **7:30am on Friday, May 26**, and are picked up and prepared for storage beginning at **7:30am on Tuesday, May 30**. Projects usually take about three hours and require walking and bending over in possibly hot, humid, and buggy conditions (preparing flags for storage also requires sitting and rolling flags). Be prepared with sunscreen, insect repellent, and closed-toe shoes. To volunteer for either or both projects, email gaynell1_brady@nps.gov.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony – 12:30pm, Sunday, May 28** Vietnam Veterans of VFW Post 3798 present a tribute to America's fallen troops; ceremony includes a color guard and bagpiper. Free.